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Ms. Dolores Brown, Chief
Office of Environmental Compliance
Department of Water Resources
Division of Environmental Services
901 P Street, P.O. Box 942836
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Dear Ms. Brown:

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF BDCP EIR/EIS; PROPOSAL TO EXPAND PROJECT AREA

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) is the wastewater treatment agency for more than 448,000 residents of Central Contra Costa County. CCCSD has received your Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). The project area, as depicted in Figure 1 of the Notice of Preparation, is the Statutory Delta. We urge the Department of Water Resources to expand the project area to include Suisun Bay and San Pablo Bay due to the potential environmental impacts that could result from any actions of the BDCP.

CCCSD discharges our treated wastewater effluent into Suisun Bay. As such, we are especially concerned with the water quality and health of the ecosystem in the Suisun Bay. The ecosystem of Suisun and San Pablo Bays depends primarily on the volume and quality of Delta outflows. Any changes to Delta outflows will affect the ecosystem of these two important water bodies. There is a significant fish population that occupies Suisun Bay and uses the area as breeding and feeding ground. The Delta smelt fish population is just one example of the decreasing fish population in the Suisun Bay that has been occurring over the past two decades.

CCCSD believes that the expansion of the project area of the EIR/EIS would advance the goals and objectives of the BDCP. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Curtis W. Swanson

Environmental Services Division Manager

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